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In re Application of:

Moss et al.

Serial No.: 10/078,322

Filed: February 12, 2002

For: MONOLITHIC, DOUBLE-BALL
HITCH

Confirmation No.: 3093

Examiner: M. Luby

Group Art Unit: 3611

Attorney Docket No.: 3196-5494US
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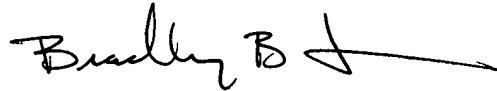
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again found allowable pursuant to a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated March 29, 2005. Pursuant to the March 29, 2005 Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, the fees were indicated to be \$15.00, which reflects fee increases of December 8, 2004. **Applicant hereby requests, pursuant to M.P.E.P. 1308.1, that the previously-paid Issue Fee and extra copies be applied to the issue fee currently due, as indicated by the \$15.00 balance set forth in the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due. Check No. 21861 in the amount of \$15.00 is enclosed for additional fees due.**

Applicants understand that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Also enclosed are Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance; and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO/SB/08 with attached reference and Check No. 8015 in the amount of \$180.00.

Respectfully submitted,



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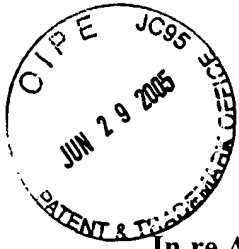
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Examiner indicates:

The prior art fails to disclose the combination of a mount securable to the base at a first position juxtaposed adjacent the trunnion and a second position wherein the mount extends in a second direction opposite from the base; and a hitch coupled with the mount, including a first ball and a second ball which are formed together as a homogenous monolith of a single material which extend in first and second directions. (The specific disclosure of Avery in the IDS filed 2/28/05 has been considered but if a first ball and second ball which are formed together as a homogenous monolith of a single material were to replace the single ball of Avery, this would render the device inoperable, since the second ball would either interfere with the portion, 4, or the side portions, 12 and 13.)

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, the independent claims as allowed include other and different language than that specified by the Examiner, and the allowed dependent claims include other and further features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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TITLE OF INVENTION: MONOLITHIC, DOUBLE-BALL HITCH

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$15	\$0	\$15	06/29/2005

EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
LUBY, MATTHEW D	3611	280-416100

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